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C O N F I D E N T I A L ABU DHABI 0539

KUWAIT PASS DOHA AND MUSCAT

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, TC, IR

SUBJ: CANCELLED IIN VISIT TO PERSIAN GULF PORTS

REFS: A. USDAO 021055 MAY 74

B. TEHRAN 3523

1. IRANIAN AMBASSADOR BEHNAMEH TOLD EMBOFF THAT VISIT WAS POSTPONED (NOT CANCELLED) AT REQUEST OF UAE GOVERNMENT SOME THREE OF FOUR DAT BEFORE SCHEDULED CALLS AT DUBAI, SHARJAH, AND ABU DHABI ON APRIL 28 THROUGH MAY 5.

2. BEHNAMEH SAID HE HAD FIRST MENTIONED THE SUBJECT OF  
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THE SHIP VISITS SEVERAL MONTHS BEFORE TO THE UAE MINY

FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TO THE THREE INDIVIDUAL EMIRATE RULERS, ALL OF WHOM WELCOMED THE VISIT. HOWEVER, IN REQUESTING THE POSTPONEMENT, THE UAEG TOLD BEHNAM THE REASON WAS ZAYID'S ABSENCE ON A TRIP THROUGH THE NORTHERN EMIRATES. SINCE ZAYID'S PURPOSE IN MAKING THIS TRIP WAS TO STRENGTHEN THE FEDERATION, THE APPEARANCE OF AN ARMED IRANIAN WARSHIP IN UAE PORTS COINCIDING WITH PRESIDENT'S PRESENCE IN THE AREA MIGHT CREATE AN UNFORTUNATE IMPRESSION FOR THE FEDERATION MEMBERS THAT THEIR PRESIDENT WAS BEING FOLLOWED. BEHNAM STATED THIS WAS THE ONLY REASON HE HAD BEEN GIVEN; AND IF THIS WAS NOT THE REAL REASON, AT LEAST IT WAS AN UNDERSTANDABLE ONE.

3. COMMENT: ONE CAN THINK OF MANY OTHER POSSIBLE REASONS FOR THE UAE ACTION, BUT IF THE UAE DOES NOT WANT IRANIAN SHIP VISIT AT THIS TIME, ONE REASON AS GOOD AS ANOTHER. IN PERSIAN-LANGUAGE PRESS (ETELA'AT APRIL 24) SHAH'S COMMENT ABOUT STRATIS OF HORMOZ REPORTED REF A WAS NOT GIVEN AS DIRECT QUOTE FROM INTERVIEW, BUT WAS PARAPHRASED IN ANALYTICAL ARTICLE ON IRAN'S POSITION IN THE PERSIAN GULF BY ZUMER (SP?) OF DIE ZEIT. EMBASSY HAS NOT SEEN COMPLETE TEXT OF ZUMER INTERVIEW, BUT SUMMARY AND EXCERPTS IN APRIL 23 ETELA'AT DID NOT CONTAIN STATEMENT CITED REF A.  
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